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1. I TOOK UP AFGHAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION ISSUE WITH
FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI DURING COURSE OF A TOUR
D'HORIZON WITH HIM FOLLOWING HIS RETURN AFTER A MONTH OF
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS ABROAD. I TOLD HIM I HAD RECEIVED A
RESPONSE TO MY REPORT OF LAST EVENING'S CONVERSATION WITH
FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ (REFS A AND B) TO THE EFFECT
THAT WHILE THE USG WANTED CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL POWERS
MOST CONCERNED, I.E. PAKISTAN AND IRAN, WE FELT WE WOULD
NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD OFF OUR OWN ACTION ON RECOGNITION
BEYOND 4 OR 5 MAY AT THE LATEST.

2. I DISCUSSED WITH HIM OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF NOTE
PROPOSED IN REF (C) AND EXPLAINED TO HIM AS WELL OUR PROCEDURES
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IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS. I SAID WE WISH TO BE NEITHER
UNSEEMLY IN OUR HASTE NOR UNDULY LATE. I ASKED HIM WHAT HAD
BEEN THE RESULT OF SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SHAHNAWAZ
HAD MENTIONED LAST NIGHT.

3. HE SAID THE SAUDIS HAD INDICATED THEY ARE IN NO HURRY

TO RECOGNIZE AND WILL PROBABLY DELAY BEYOND THE FEW DAYS
"SUGGESTED" BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. HE HAD
NO KNOWLEDGE OF RESULTS OF TALKS WITH OTHERS ON THE MATTER
BUT SAID THAT REACTION FROM TEHRAN HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE
THE SHAH HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN.

4. AGHA SAHI SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY HAVE TO
GO FORWARD, FOR OUR OWN REASONS, AND ASKED ONLY THAT WE
DELAY UNTIL THE 5TH IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SO AS TO ALLOW
PAKISTAN TO COMPLETE ITS OWN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SHAHINSHAH.

5. I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON AND
AGAIN REASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD ALERT THE GOP IN ADVANCE
OF ANY ACTION ON OUR PART.

6. COMMENT: I TAKE IT FROM THIS CONVERSATION THAT THE
EFFORT AT CONCERTED ACTION SHAHNAWAZ WAS ATTEMPTING TO MOUNT
LAST NIGHT HAS COLLAPSED, AS ONE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED IT WOULD.
OUR HANDS ARE FREE, AS FAR AS THE PAKS ARE CONCERNED,
ALTHOUGH OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE SHOCK WAVES NOW BOUNCING
AROUND THIS MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION AS A RESULT OF
EVENTS IN KABUL DURING THE LAST WEEK, I HOPE WE CAN HOLD
OFF UNTIL THE 5TH. IN ANY EVENT I MUST INFORM
THE GOP BEFORE NOTE IS DELIVERED IN KABUL.
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